Reviewer's report

Title: Impact of Age on Outcome after Colorectal Cancer Surgery in the Elderly - a developing country perspective

Version: 1 Date: 13 May 2011

Reviewer: Corrado Pedrazzani

Reviewer's report:

Prof. Khan and coworkers,

analyzed the impact of age in Pakistani population with CRC. The study is well designed and written, report of results is clear and discussion as well as conclusions are consistent with literature and data presented.

Regarding methods, differences in surgical approach between the two groups should be better specified (i.e. extent of resection, colostomy formation, laparoscopy, etc.).

Regarding discussion, a better specification of the type of patients treated at this private clinic should be given. The number of patients is not very high in relation to the long period of study (about 25-30 patients per year), furthermore the percentage of "elderly" patients is also quite low (about 20%). Should the authors make a comment on that?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

No conflict of interest